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The Honorable Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Ms. Karen Majcher
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Re: Certification of Federal High Cost Support for Wyoming's Rural Local Exchange Carriers and Eligible Telecommunications Carriers (ETCs) Serving Lines in the Areas of Rural Local Exchange Carriers Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314
(CC Docket No. 96-45)

Dear Secretary Dortch and Ms. Majcher:

The Wyoming Public Service Commission (WyPSC) hereby submits, pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, its annual certification to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC). 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 requires the appropriate state regulatory authority to annually certify those rural incumbent local exchange carriers and eligible telecommunications carriers serving lines in the areas of rural incumbent local exchange carriers within their jurisdiction for purposes of receiving federal universal service support.

For the 2009 annual certification process, the WyPSC applied the requirements and guidelines of WyPSC Rule Section 514 to the ETCs in Wyoming jurisdictional to it. The annual reporting requirements and guidelines of WyPSC Rule Section 514 are modeled after the FCC's *ETC Report and Order* adopted February 25, 2005, in CC Docket 96-45, FCC 05-46, and the WyPSC's own annual certification processes and rulemaking proceedings conducted during 2004, 2005 and 2006 for Wyoming's ETCs. The annual reporting requirements for previously designated ETCs in Wyoming became effective August 17, 2006.

Attached to this submission is a letter (PSC Letter Number 09-155) that staff of the WyPSC sent to each ETC subject to its jurisdiction. The letter and its attachments describe the requirements and responsibilities placed upon the WyPSC in conducting the annual certification process for each previously designated ETC serving designated areas within Wyoming. Rule Section 514 gives each carrier the opportunity to verify that it continues to offer the nine supported services and functionalities required for designation as an ETC under the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the Code of

Federal Regulations, throughout its designated service areas within Wyoming. The WyPSC has also obtained from its jurisdictional rural incumbent local exchange carriers and ETCs serving lines in the areas of rural incumbent local exchange carriers their respective signed affidavits setting forth how federal universal service support funds have been used in the past and how they will be used during the applicable 12-month period for which support funds are being requested. Additionally, the data provided by each applicant was the subject of hearings before the WyPSC. The respective affidavits, additional documentation and detailed support from each ETC jurisdictional to the WyPSC will be made available to you upon request.

As the state regulatory authority with jurisdiction to regulate, *inter alia*, the intrastate activities of telecommunications companies serving in Wyoming, the WyPSC hereby certifies the following rural incumbent local exchange carriers and ETCs serving lines in the service areas of rural incumbent local exchange carriers as being eligible to receive federal universal service support funds for the upcoming program year:

Carrier	Study Area Code
All West Communications	512290
CenturyTel of Wyoming	512299
Chugwater Telephone Company	512289
Dubois Telephone Exchange	512291
Range Telephone Cooperative (includes RT Communications)	512251
Silver Star Communications	512295
Tri County Telephone Association (includes TCT WEST)	512296
Union Telephone Company	512297
United Telephone Company of the West/Embarq	511595
Alltel Communications (formerly Western Wireless)	519002
Alltel Communications (formerly Western Wireless)	519007
Union Telephone Company d/b/a Union Cellular	519905
Gold Star Communications LLC	519005

The WyPSC finds these certifications to be in the public interest.

Based upon the representations in the affidavits submitted by these carriers and the WyPSC's review and examination of the additional documentation and support required by WyPSC Rule Section 514 to be filed by the carriers this year and the WyPSC staff analysis, the WyPSC certifies the above-identified carriers will use the federal universal service support funds only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with 47 U.S.C. § 214(e) and the requirements and mandates of 47 C.F.R. Part 54. This includes High Cost Loop support (HCL), Local Switching Support (LSS) and high cost support received pursuant to the purchase of exchanges.

Sincerely,



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